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Stolen Tax Refund Checks and Fraudulent Returns Lands Woman In Jail

ATLANTA – On Tuesday, May 8, 2012 Michelle Brooks-Powell plead guilty to four felony counts of first degree forgery and four felony counts of theft by receiving stolen property.

Brooks-Powell is the first of three Georgia women investigated by the Georgia Department of Revenue's Office of Special Investigations to be sentenced, as her two alleged accomplices have yet to face trial for stealing Georgia tax refund checks and filing fraudulent returns with the State. Currently, accomplice April Brown is still at large after posting bail in Bartow County and Theresa Price is still pending trial.

Brooks-Powell has been sentenced to ten years to do two in confinement and the remaining eight on probation. Also, Brooks-Powell will perform fifty hours of community service and pay a \$1000 fine. She is also required to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,979.